

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2105–S2137

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 502–512, and S. Res. 56–57. **Page S2117**

Measures Passed:

Honoring Memory of James A. Rhodes: Senate agreed to S. Res. 56, honoring the memory of James A. Rhodes as a gifted political servant and statesman. **Pages S2135–36**

Honoring National Guard: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 45, honoring the men and women who serve this country in the National Guard and expressing condolences of the United States Senate to the family and friends of the 21 National Guardsmen who perished in the crash on March 3, 2001. **Page S2137**

Bankruptcy Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 420, to amend title 11, United States Code, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2105–13**

Pending:

Schumer Amendment No. 25, to ensure that the bankruptcy code is not used to exacerbate the effects of certain illegal predatory lending practices. **Page S2105**

Feinstein Amendment No. 27, to place a \$2,500 cap on any credit card issued to a minor, unless the minor submits an application with the signature of his parents or guardian indicating joint liability for debt or the minor submits financial information indicating an independent means or an ability to repay the debt that the card accrues. **Pages S2105–06**

Leahy Amendment No. 20, to resolve an ambiguity relating to the definition of current monthly income. **Page S2106**

Conrad Modified Amendment No. 29, to establish an off-budget lockbox to strengthen Social Security and Medicare. **Page S2106**

Sessions Amendment No. 32, to establish a procedure to safeguard the surpluses of the Social Security and medicare hospital insurance trust funds. **Page S2106**

Senate will resume consideration of the resolution and amendments to be proposed thereto on Monday, March 12, 2001.

Appointments:

James Madison Commemoration Commission Advisory Committee: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 106–550, announced the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the James Madison Commemoration Commission Advisory Committee: Gary G. Aguiar of South Dakota, and Jack N. Rakove of California. **Page S2136**

Executive Communications: **Pages S2116–17**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S2115–16**

Adjournment: Senate met at 10:01 a.m., and adjourned at 12:36 p.m., until 1 p.m., on Monday, March 12, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2137.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will next meet on Monday, March 12 at 2 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

Joint Meetings

VETERANS PROGRAMS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from Robert L. Smith, III, Blinded Veterans Association, Frederick A. Taylor, Jr., Military Order of the Purple Heart, David W. Sommers, Non Commissioned Officers Association, Ronald Ziegler, Jewish War Veterans, and Joseph L. Fox, Sr., Paralyzed Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 12 through March 17, 2001

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will resume consideration of S. 420, Bankruptcy Reform.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of S. 420, Bankruptcy Reform, with any votes ordered to begin at 11 a.m. At 2:45 p.m., Senate will vote on or in relation to the Conrad Amendment No. 29, to be followed by a vote on or in relation to the Sessions Amendment No. 32, both relating to lockbox.

During the remainder of the week, Senate will continue consideration of S. 420, Bankruptcy Reform, and any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: March 13, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold oversight hearings to examine the National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD-124.

March 14, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to review intelligence programs, 10 a.m., S-407, Capitol.

March 14, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Appropriations'

Subcommittee on the Interior on issues dealing with the wildfire program, 10 a.m., R-2359.

March 15, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings on the District of Columbia's child and family services receivership, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 15, business meeting to mark up S. 149, to provide authority to control exports, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: March 14, to resume hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2002, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 13, to hold hearings on S. 415, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require that air carriers meet public convenience and necessity requirements by ensuring competitive access by commercial air carriers to major cities, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

March 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 361, to establish age limitations for airmen, 2 p.m., SR-253.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings on whether Congress should allow states to require all remote sellers to collect and remit sales taxes on deliveries into that state, provided that states and localities dramatically simplify their sales and use tax systems, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

March 15, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 14, business meeting to consider their fiscal year 2002 budgetary views and estimates on programs which fall within the jurisdiction of the committee and agree on recommendations it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget, 9:30 a.m., SD-628.

March 15, Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 26, to amend the Department of Energy Authorization Act to authorize the Secretary of Energy to impose interim limitations on the cost of electric energy to protect consumers from unjust and unreasonable prices in the electric energy market; S. 80, to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to order refunds of unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential rates or charges for electricity, to establish cost-based rates for electricity sold at wholesale in the Western Systems Coordinating Council; and S. 287, to direct the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to impose cost-of-service based rates on sales by public utilities of electric energy at wholesale in the western energy market, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 15, Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine the Army Corps of Engineers management reforms, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: March 13, business meeting to mark up the Affordable Education Act of 2001, 10 a.m., SD-215.

March 13, Full Committee, to hold hearings on issues relative to living without health insurance and identifying populations that make up the uninsured and their unique characteristics that cause them to go without health coverage, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings on issues relating to encouraging charitable giving, 10 a.m., SD-215.

March 15, Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight, to hold hearings to examine the preservation and protection of family business legacies, 10 a.m., SD-215.

March 15, Full Committee, to resume hearings on issues relative to living without health insurance focusing on solutions including individual tax credits, employer tax credits, increased flexibility in Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program, program expansions, and ways to improve outreach, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

March 16, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine issues relating to international trade and the American economy, 9:30 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 14, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

March 15, Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine certification of the United States assistance to Serbia, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Indian Affairs: March 14, business meeting to consider committee's budgetary views and estimates on the President's fiscal year 2002 budget request for Indian programs; to be followed by hearings on S. 211, to amend the Education Amendments of 1978 and the Tribally Controlled Schools Act of 1988 to improve education for Indians, Native Hawaiians, and Alaskan Natives, 9:30 a.m., SR-485.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 14, to hold closed hearings on intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 13, to hold hearings on promoting technology and education issues relating to turbocharging the school buses on the information highway, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine drug treatment, education, and prevention programs, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: March 14, to hold hearings on election reform issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

March 15, Full Committee, to continue hearings on election reform issues, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 13, to hold hearings to examine the Administration's proposed budget for veterans' programs for fiscal year 2002, 9:30 a.m., SR-418.

March 14, Full Committee, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, 10 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Agriculture, March 14 and 15, to continue hearings on federal farm commodity programs, 10 a.m. on March 14, and 9:30 a.m. on March 15, 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, March 13, 14 and 15, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, on public witnesses, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug and Related Agencies, on Inspector General, USDA, 9:30 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on U.S. Space Command, 9:30 a.m., and executive, on U.S. European Command, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 14, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on European Military Construction, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Transportation, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Defense, executive, on Worldwide Threat, 9:30 a.m., H-405 Capitol, and executive, on U.S. Southern Command, 1:30 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

March 15, Subcommittee on Military Construction, on Historic Properties, 9:30 a.m., B-300 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Transportation, on Airline Delays, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, March 14, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on implementation of TRICARE benefits for Medicare-eligible military retirees, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, March 13, hearing on Department of Education Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2002, 1 p.m., 210 Cannon.

March 14, hearing on the Department of Agriculture Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2002, 1 p.m., 210 Cannon.

March 15, hearing on Department of State Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2002, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, March 14, Subcommittee on Education Reform, hearing on Empowering Success: Flexibility and School Choice, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing on Improving Student Achievement Through Technology, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 14, Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, oversight hearing on National Energy Policy: Coal, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled: "A Smarter Health Care Partnership for American Families: Making Federal and State Roles in Managed Care Regulation and Liability Work for Accountable and Affordable Health Care Coverage," 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing on Digital Television: A Private Sector Perspective on the Transition, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 13, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing on proposals to permit payment of interest on business checking accounts and sterile reserves maintained at Federal Reserve Banks, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing on

Public Access to Stock Market Data-Improving Transparency and Competition, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, March 15, Subcommittee on National Security, Veterans' Affairs and International Relations, to continue hearings on Vulnerabilities to Waste, Fraud and Abuse: Inspectors General Views on Defense and National Security Programs, 9 a.m., and on Inspectors General Views on International Relations and Trade Programs, 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, March 14, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Confronting Liberia, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 14, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing on Prospects for Free and Fair Elections in Peru, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Human Rights in Northern Ireland: Promises Kept or Promises Broken? 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 15, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing on H.R. 503, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, March 13, Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 146, Great Falls Historic District Study Act of 2001; H.R. 182, Eight Mile River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2001; and H.R. 601, to ensure the continued access of hunters to those Federal lands included within the boundaries of the Craters of the Moon National Monument in the State of Idaho pursuant to the Presidential Proclamation 7373 of November 9, 2000, and to continue the applicability of the Taylor Grazing Act to the disposition of grazing fees arising from the use of such lands, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 15, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, oversight hearing on Domestic Natural Gas Supply and Demand: the Contribution to Public Lands and the OCS, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

March 15, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, to hold a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 643, African Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001; H.R. 645, Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001; and H.R. 700,

Asian Elephant Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, March 13, to consider a measure providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, and to approve Committee Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2001 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 5:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 14, Subcommittee on Aviation hearing on the FAA's efforts to modernize the Air Traffic Control system, with emphasis on the Standard Terminal Automation Replacement System (STARS), 1:30 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

March 15, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on Brownfields: Lessons from the Field, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, March 13, hearing on H.R. 811, Veterans' Hospital Emergency Repair Act, 1:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

March 15, Subcommittee on Benefits, hearing on the following: H.R. 801, Veterans' Opportunities Act of 2001; and implementation of veterans transitional housing assistance, 9 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 14, hearing on the Administration's Health and Welfare Priorities, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 15, Subcommittee on Health, to continue hearings on Medicare Reform, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

March 15, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing on Welfare Reform, 11 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, March 13, executive, briefing on World Trade Threats, 3 p.m., H-405.

March 13, Terrorism Working Group, executive, briefing on Khobar Towers, 12:30 p.m., H-405.

Joint Meetings

Joint Meetings: March 14, Senate Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Appropriations' Subcommittee on the Interior on issues dealing with the wildfire program, 10 a.m., R-2359.

Joint Meetings: March 14, Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, 10 a.m., 345, Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

1 p.m., Monday, March 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the recognition of two Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 2 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of S. 420, Bankruptcy Reform.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, March 12

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Pro forma session.



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